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SUBJ: LASALLE MACHINE TOOL DISPUTE WITH STANKOIMPORT

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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS MET MORNING OCTOBER 12 WITH NIKOLAI V. NIKITKIN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF VNESHTORGBANK TO DISCUSS LASALLE CASE AND ALSO GIVE NIKITKIN SHORT PAPER OUTLINING IMPORTANCE OF GETTING LASALLE DISPUTE SETTLED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLY IN VIEW OF DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT IT COULD HAVE ON CURRENTLY EXPANDING AND FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT OF US-SOVIET ECONOMIC RELATIONS. ALSO NOTED FINANCIAL LOSSES WHICH WOULD BE INCURRED BY LASALLE AND URGED VNESHTORGBANK TO FIND SOME WAY OF MAKING EXCEPTION FROM STANKOIMPORT'S FINANCIAL PLAN SO THAT PAYMENT CAN BE MADE IMMEDIATELY RATHER THAN JANUARY 1974.

2. NIKITKIN, WHO HAS LONG EXPERIENCE IN SOVIET TRADE WITH US, WAS AFFABLE AND UNDERSTANDING, SAID HE WOULD SEE WHAT HE COULD DO.

3. IN MAIN PRESENTATION EMBASSY OFFICERS NOTED THAT AS FAR AS THEY WERE AWARE, NO PAYMENT HAD YET BEEN MADE ON \$3,383,026.79 SIGHT DRAFT AIRMAILED TO STANKOIMPORT BY FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK ON SEPTEMBER 14. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ADVISING WHEN PAYMENT MADE, OR IF ALREADY HAS BEEN MADE.

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